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In re Application of:

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MOLDING COMPOSITIONS**

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AFFIDAVIT OF DR. FRIEDRICH GOFFING

I, Dr. Friedrich Goffing, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am a citizen of Germany and have a residence address at Am Schenkswiesenweg 1, 67435 Neustadt, Germany.

2. I am a joint inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,094,797, which issued on March 10, 1992 and is entitled "Preparation of Pigmented Curable Polyester Molding Compounds".

The other joint inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,094,797 are Helmut Heel, Jan Holoch and Gerd Esswein.

3. I am presently employed by BASF Aktiengesellschaft ("BASF"), which is located in Ludwigshafen, Germany.

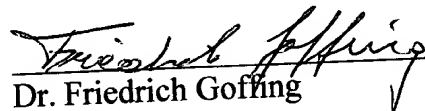
4. I have worked jointly with Helmut Heel, Jan Holoch and Gerd Esswein in the research and development of a process for the preparation of the

pigmented curable polyester molding compounds which are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,094,797. Our work was directed toward the research and development of a simple and inexpensive process for preparing homogeneously pigmented curable molding compounds. Our work was not directed toward the research and development of a process for preparing homogeneously pigmented weatherable curable molding compounds.

Weatherability (that is, the stability of a molded article to environmental factors, such as humidity, ultraviolet radiation, temperature, etc.) was not an objective of our work which led to the molding compounds which are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,094,797.

The undersigned Dr. Friedrich Goffing states that all statements made in this Affidavit of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

March 28, 2003


Dr. Friedrich Goffing

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 28 March 2003 by Mr. Dr. Friedrich Goffing, born 15.03.1959, of Neustadt an der Weinstraße, Am Schenkswiesenweg 1, identified by his identity card.

Neustadt an der Weinstraße, March 28 2003




Notary

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